

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

3 August 2017
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:

New Jersey State Police
Committeepersons
Mayor
Municipal Professionals
Municipal Departments/Boards/Commissions

Approval of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

Meeting and Executive Session of 6 July 2017

Unfinished Business

Recreation Facility Application
Discussion: Chapter 94 - Trailers

New Business

Gypsy Moth 2017 and 2018

Resolutions

Adoption of Bill List

Public Comment
Executive Session

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 3 August 2017. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Dan Grover; Carl Cummins; Ronald Petersen, and Peter Karcher

Also, Present: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County that the following named employee(s) shall be compensated for the year 2017 in the amounts designated below. All salaries are retroactive to 1 January 2017 unless otherwise noted:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Lifeguards		
Kyle Egan	1 st year lifeguard	10.00/hour
Grace Villano	1 st year lifeguard	10.00/hour

Vote: aye - Grover
 aye - Petersen
 aye - Cummins
 aye - Karcher
 aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
 Mayor

Mr. Karcher also asked for Township Committee approval to conduct Yoga classes at the pavilion throughout August. A motion by Mayor Inscho to conduct Yoga classes at the pavilion throughout August 2017 carried.

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Committeeperson Petersen asked that Liberty Township submit an inquiry to Highlands asking if the funding process has progressed.

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Committeeperson Cummins reported that he had attended a Warren County presentation on "Grow Warren".

The program was promoting agri-business within the County.

He has advised everyone that multiple Engineers had met to review the road situation on Lakeside Drive West. It was agreed that exploratory excavation was necessary to determine the correct resolution to the issue.

COMMITTEEPERSON GROVER

Committeeperson Grover announced that the plans for the emergency generator had been amended from diesel to propane fuel operation.

He also informed every one of proposed plans by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education to relocate all seventh and eighth grade students from the Hackettstown school campus to the Liberty School, creating a regional 7-8 grade school. A feasibility study will be completed within August 2017. He continued with a definition of the pay-send and shared service programs; potential tax implications to Liberty Township; and potential outcome of Liberty Township school facility usage/closure.

Mr. Grover reported on his meeting with members of the Environmental Commission to invite Rutgers students to prepare pavilion/boat launch area design schereses.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A pre-printed report was received from the Department of Public Works for July 2017 and placed on file.

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for July 2017 and placed on file

RECREATION

A pre-printed report was received from the Recreation Commission for July 2017 and placed on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRONIC TAX PAYMENT FEES

Pete Karcher reported that with coordinating the Liberty Township process for the electronic collection of tax payments, the following decision has to be presented to the Township Committee for consideration. Does Liberty Township want to establish a fee for ACH tax payments for not. Following discussion, a motion by Dan Grover to not establish a fee for ACH electronic tax payments carried.

GYPSY MOTH 2017 AND 2018

It was reported that Liberty Township was in receipt of \$5083.20 reimbursement from the State of New Jersey for gypsy moth spraying in 2017. Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen authorizing the 2018 survey for gypsy moth egg masses carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2017.060
PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, does hereby authorize the Finance Department to pay all vouchers when properly endorsed and approved by at least 3/5 majority of the Township Committee in the amount of \$953,067.83.

Vote: aye - Karcher
aye - Petersen
aye - Cummins
aye - Grover
aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:33 pm.

Ken Lunden – Mr. Lunden presented a report on the success of the Mountain Lake Fire Company 2017 auto show and thanked the Township Committee for their support with this function. He requested the use of the Grove area for the Car Show on 29 July 2018, rain date of 5 August 2018. A motion by Dan Grover to approve the request for use of the Grove area on properties that are municipally owned in July-August 2018 for the Mountain Lake Fire Company 2018 Car show carried.

Donna Wolfgang – Ms. Wolfgang requested confirmation or denial on the rumor that the Lodge was to be demolished. Mayor Inscho advised that there is a party interested in the Lodge.

Eileen Heydecke – Ms. Heydecke questioned why Hackettstown 7th and 8th grade students could not be housed within Hackettstown facilities. She also inquired into the cost for Rutgers students to prepare proposed landscaping plans for the pavilion. Ms. Heydecke also reported that the lily pads are terrible within the lake this year.

Shannon Schaaf – Ms. Schaaf inquired into soil erosion around the pavilion site. She also advised that NJDEP would be conducting a water specific advising on Mountain Lake 15 August 2017, at 7:30 am with a gas engine to collect fish tissue samples.

Arthur Strock – Mr. Strock thanked the Township Committee for not spending additional funds to expand the dock material within the beach swim area. He also presented questions on the bidding process.

Gary Whyte – Mr. Whyte requested the Township Committee consider the adoption of a Resolution supporting the Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Awareness Initiative. A motion by Mayor Inscho to adopt the following resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2017.061
RESOLUTION IN SUPPPORT OF THE
{ F.O.P.} FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA AWARENESS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Fibro dysplasia Ossificans Progressiva { FOP } is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone in locations where bone should not form, such as within muscles, tendons, ligaments, and other connective tissues, which in time produces a ' second skeleton ' that immobilizes the joints of the body; and

WHEREAS, one in every seven Americans suffer from musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of FOP usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by the age of 10 depriving children of normal development; and

WHEREAS, FOP is considered an orphan disease whereby it affects so few people and there are less than 12 diagnosed cases in New Jersey and approximately 200 in the nation; and

WHEREAS, musculoskeletal research is close to achieving major breakthroughs that likely will change and simplify the way bone and joint disorders are treated and prevented throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater awareness of this disorder, its symptoms and the obstacles faced by persons and families affected by this disorder.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Committee, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, hereby applaud and recognize Gary W. Whyte as an outstanding individual for his tenacious drive to support and help so many within the community for the awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva {FOP} and urge the medical community to continue researching for treatment and a cure for this rare genetic disorder.

Vote: aye - Grover
aye - Petersen
aye - Cummins
aye - Karcher
aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a motion by John Inscho to adjourn the meeting carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.